

C. Additional Assistance

Student assistants, 14 this year, were employed during the summer and cleared a number of clerical backlogs. As a preliminary to a library science course, one young man worked unpaid for several weeks during the same period.

D. Courses, Conferences, Meeting, Demonstrations and Working Visits

Several staff members continued English and French courses provided by the Language Bureau of the Public Service Commission: two successfully passed the P.S.C. Bilingual Test. The Parliamentary Librarian continued private lessons provided by the Language Bureau.

Other staff took courses in Library Technology, Canadian History, Political Science, etc. Demonstrations of automated retrieval techniques or equipment and bindery equipment were also attended.

The Parliamentary Librarian, together with the Associate Parliamentary Librarian, jointly chaired the second invitational meeting of Canadian parliamentary and legislative librarians at the Library of Parliament May 29-30, 1972. Representatives from the National Library of Canada and members of the Library of Parliament staff also attended. Among the speakers were Mr. David Holland, Librarian of the House of Commons Library, Westminster.

Library staff continued participation in professional activities and attended the following 1972 annual conferences: Ontario Library Association, Kingston, May; Canadian Association of Law Libraries, Edmonton, May; Canadian Library Association, Regina, June; Special Libraries Association, Boston, June; l'Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française, Quebec City, Autumn.

In February 1973, the National Library held a meeting with the Canadian Association of Law Libraries on *The Role of the National Library in the Collection, Organization and Delivery of Legal Materials*, which the Parliamentary Librarian, the Assistant Parliamentary Librarian and others attended.

Staff members also continued to serve in their professional societies: The Assistant Parliamentary Librarian as Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries and a member of the Canadian Library Association's Microfilm Committee; another librarian as editor of *The Guide to Sources of Information in Canadian Business and Economics*, published by the Canadian Library Association, and as liaison representative between the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services and the Technical Services Section of CLA. An indexer continued as Chairman of the Index Committee of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, and in November 1972 attended a meeting of the CLA Editorial Advisory Board on the publication *Canadian Reference*

Sources. He also completed two articles for the Indexer, one, in collaboration, entitled *Indexing in Canada: Local and Commercial Services*, the second, *Book Indexing in Canada*.

Several research officers attended courses and conferences: Engineering Seismology, Berkeley Campus, University of California; Annual Meeting, Canadian Historical Association, Montreal; Conference on Social Welfare, Laval University, Quebec; Conference on Federalism, University of Comparative Sciences, Luxembourg; the International Geological Congress, Montreal; the North-East Regional Conference of the Institute of Internal Auditors, Toronto.

The Associate Parliamentary Librarian attended various meetings of the Canadian Micrographic Society of which he is Secretary-Treasurer, and meetings of the Special Libraries Association's Montreal Chapter of which he is a past-president.

The Parliamentary Librarian attended the Conference on International Communications and Institutions sponsored by the federal Department of Communications, the International Law Association (Canadian Branch), and the American Society of International Law, in Ottawa, March, 1973.

4. PARLIAMENTARY INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE BEYOND PARLIAMENT

A. Assistance to Libraries

The Director of the Technical Services Branch continued her work with the National Library Task Group on Cataloguing Standards as a member of the Final Report Committee and in March 1973 served on the Board for the selection of a Head of Technical Services for the Library of the University of Ottawa. This Branch was consulted by other libraries encountering similar problems with bilingual cataloguing, the organization and cataloguing of government documents, and special problems of classification, especially for law books.

The Parliamentary Librarian continued to serve on the Board of the Ottawa Public Library to which he was appointed for a 3-year term in 1970, and in June 1972 was its representative to the Canadian Library Trustees' Association meetings at the Canadian Library Association Conference in Regina.

During February 1973 the Librarian of the Quebec National Assembly Library, Mr. Jacques Prémont, and several of his officers, consulted the Director of our Research Branch regarding the organization of a Research Branch in their Library and also observed the operations of our Branch.

With our permission the National Library issued a microfilm supplement to the official "Canada" main entries in our card catalogue, the original entries having been filmed some years ago. We also co-operated actively with teams from the Federal Government Library Sur-